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Council, APB, ACE to Meet On Middle School Plans

by Elaine Skolnik

The proposed Greenbelt Middle School will be the topic of discussion next Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at a combined meeting of the city's Advisory Planning Board and the Advisory Committee on Education. Prince George's County Public School (PGCPS) staff will attend and will respond to Mayor Judith Davis' October 25 letter in which she raised council's concerns dealing with the middle school. The public is invited to attend the meeting, which will be held in the Community Center, Room 201.

In the letter Davis, on behalf of council, thanked Lawrence Fryer, Jr., of PGCPS and staff for attending council's meeting on October 22 to present the concept for the proposed school. She noted that council had voted unanimously to support the school's design. However, the letter had also indicated that "a number of issues and concerns" needed to be addressed and that the school system had expressed a firm commitment to work directly with the city to satisfactorily address them.

Pleased that the facility will be a two-level green school, which would "lessen its footprint," Da-

vis also expressed council's appreciation for the promise of lighted athletic fields.

Some concerns expressed in the letter include predicted student capacity, the "feasibility of flipping the proposed building/parking layout so that the new school building is closer to the remaining historic building," that the new structure be designed with the "original architectural elements" incorporated within the school and that there be a pedestrian connection between the proposed new school and the remaining historic building.

Council also requested safe pedestrian access to the proposed building for walkers from Berwyn Heights. They asked that a public forum be held in the next month or two to present the school's concept to the three communities served by Greenbelt Middle School – Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park.

Council also wanted to address reducing the number of parking spaces to provide "planting islands and other means to lessen a 'heat island'" effect. Buffering of the bus lot, "both from Greenbelt Road and from the various uses on the school site" is among the council's concerns.

Historical Society Library Begins Move to Greenbelt

by Virginia Beauchamp

A collection of historical materials has, of course, its own history. And with the move to Greenbelt, the Fred S. DeMarr Library of the Prince George's County Historical Society adds a new chapter to its somewhat complicated story.

Begun as a private collection by the late Fred DeMarr, it soon outgrew its space in his personal residence and was moved to the aging Riversdale Mansion on Riverdale Road in what is now known as Riverdale Park.

At that time the mansion had become the property of the Prince George's County Park and Planning Commission (PGCPPC) and was being used as office and storage space.

DeMarr's collection of books and periodicals and papers were given accommodations in a second-floor room of the building now set aside for exhibit space as a children's room.

The historical society's collection, which was stored in multiple boxes, kept growing and growing.

Soon its very weight became a liability as the ancient floor of this early 19th-century structure began to groan. To save the building, the contents of the historical society collection were

quickly moved to the first-floor room at the west end of the structure in its former carriage house.

And here it remained until PGCPPC decided to renovate and exhibit the building as a historic property. The year was 1985.

New Home

As a piece of good luck from the point of view of the society, another historic home became available for the library when a local organization of quilters vacated premises they had been occupying. This was basement space at Marietta Mansion on Bell Station Road in Glenn Dale.

At that time members of the society handled the move themselves, said one-time president "Dusty" Rhodes. Besides Rhodes, they included local historian Alan Virta, Rhodes' son and Herb Embry.

Greenbelt Move

This library is now in the process of moving to Greenbelt into space already redecorated in a cheerful yellow by Petro Design Builders, a company headed by society president John Petro. On Monday this week, movers were carrying in filing cabinets, book shelves, desks, chairs and boxes

See **LIBRARY**, page 6

GAIL to Hold Four Senior Focus Groups

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program in conjunction with the Greenbelt Senior Activities program will hold a series of four focus groups beginning in March. The goal of the focus groups is to assess the aging-in-place needs of two target groups. Each focus group, two for each of the targeted age ranges, will meet for a two-hour session. The size of each group is limited to 12 participants.

Ages 66 and Over

The first group, to be held on two Saturdays, March 8 and March 22 from 10 a.m. to noon, is for seniors 66 and over. This group will discuss current programs available to them through the GAIL program and ways to improve them. It will also concentrate on ways to empower these seniors to successfully age in their homes and will focus on barriers to services, mechanisms for service delivery, reasons why they would leave Greenbelt and other life-changing decisions they may encounter.

Ages 50 to 65

The second focus group, to be held on Monday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m., targets 50- to 65-year-old residents. The goal of this group is to determine their future expectations for aging services for the first wave of Greenbelt Baby Boomers, assess their aging-in-place goals and help the GAIL and Greenbelt Senior Activities programs begin to shape the future programs and services that will be offered and modes of delivery. The focus group will discuss the role of technology and how it will shape future programs and services offered by GAIL and the Senior Activities Program Office and how it can better serve residents currently in their homes.

As the graying of Greenbelt continues it is important that residents help the city's senior services shape programs to best suit their needs. Focus group participants will take a pre-test to determine their knowledge of existing programs and services and a post-test. The purpose of the focus groups is to enlist help from residents to identify what is needed for the city's GAIL and Senior Activities programs to continue to provide innovative programs and services to Greenbelt seniors.

Those interested in participating in a focus group are asked to call the Greenbelt CARES office at 301-345-6660 to register. All are welcome.

News Review Now Available Online

While the News Review website committee plans for future changes to the newspaper's present website, the city has generously offered to place the current issue each week on their website, www.greenbeltnmd.gov. Look for the starburst that says "New" and download the paper to your computer.

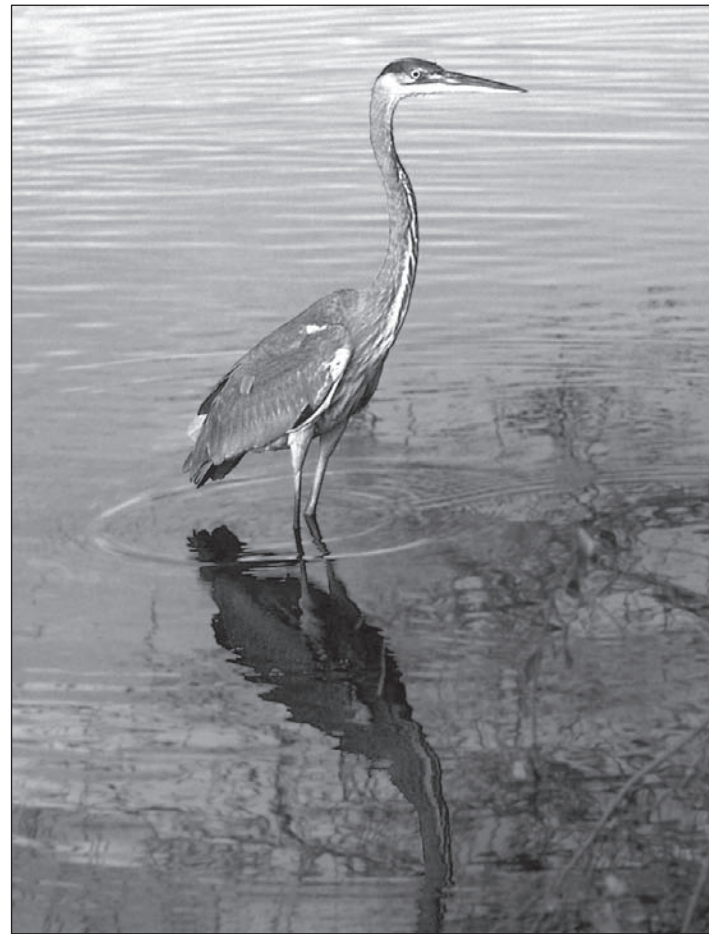


PHOTO BY JONATHAN COHEN

The sentinel of Greenbelt Lake eyes photographer Jonathan Cohen, as Cohen snaps the shutter.

Rev. Hamlin Earns Scholarship To Political Advocacy Meeting

Greenbelt activist and pastor of Greenbelt Community Church Rev. Dan Hamlin has been awarded a scholarship to attend the nation's largest annual gathering of Christian peace and justice activists, Ecumenical Advocacy Days, in Washington, D.C. The conference trains religious advocates in how to speak out on policy issues to political leaders.

The scholarship, one of 10 awarded nationwide by New York-headquartered Church World Service (CWS), honors local poverty and hunger activists who have shown exceptional leadership in the agency's poverty and hunger fighting campaigns. CWS is a humanitarian relief agency supported in part by 35 Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican denominations in the United States.

CROP Walks

Hamlin has served as pastor of Greenbelt Community Church for 23 years.

He is an avid supporter of the CWS CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walks and has promoted and participated in every CROP Walk since he arrived in Greenbelt in 1984.

Each year, some 2,000 communities across the country sponsor CROP Walks to raise awareness and funds for local hunger-fighting efforts and to support the overall work of CWS. During his first year in Greenbelt Hamlin's church turned out 12 walkers. Last year 88 walkers represented the 250-member church and raised \$12,912, making the walk one of the top 50 in the United States. Several years ago the church added the "Souperbowl of Caring," a special offering on Superbowl Sunday to benefit CWS.

The conference will cover issues such as immigration, fair trade and the impact of U.S. policies on other countries.

What Goes On

Sunday, March 2

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Wednesday, March 5

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board/Advisory Committee on Education Joint Meeting on Greenbelt Middle School, Community Center, Rm. 201

Saturday, March 8 and 22

10 a.m. to noon, Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Focus Group for Seniors 66 years and over

Saturday, March 17

10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m., GAIL Focus Group for Seniors 50 to 65 years

Letters

Kudos to Shelter

I want everyone to know of my great experience with the Greenbelt Animal Shelter.

After my husband Rolando had been in a nursing home for six months, I felt hesitantly sort of ready to take on another caretaking job in the form of a cat, my favorite animal after my husband. I left a message on the shelter phone: an older cat, declawed and, if possible, female, fixed of course. The next morning I got a call from Susie at the shelter saying that it was as if Tilly had been waiting one whole year just for me. The actual “doing” of this adoption had me a little nervous. Susie, with many kind and patient words, assured me that if things didn’t work out I could certainly bring her back. Meanwhile, take this food and brush and carrier and bring her back next week so that they could take her to the vet for a check-up and distemper shot, all free to me, and, and, and call us at any time with any question.

Well, Tilly has been with me for two weeks now. She is in love with my lap and we have had some great discussions. I am so glad I did what I did. The down side of this experience was seeing how many older cats there are at this “no kill” shelter. They are kept in excellent shape but there are just not enough laps to go around.

I recommend that if you were ever a cat person, be one again. Call Lisa, 240-508-7533. I know you will have the caring attention that I had. No, this is not an advertisement. This is passing on a good experience for two people: me and Tilly.

Review

“Midge” at the New Deal

by John Drago

For those who normally patronize the New Deal Café but did not partake of the performance Saturday, February 16 by a duo named Midge, I’m sorry.

I think you missed a subtly unique and rewarding music style of two musicians, a man on guitar and back-up vocals but not actually singing lyrics and a woman singer/songwriter playing electric piano or guitar.

Her performance could perhaps be characterized as somewhat reminiscent of a torch singer with a slightly timid, almost fragile stage presence. Many of her songs had that barely noticeable undercurrent of heartache or unrequited love present. She was a woman and yet a girl, still able to tear up over the lyrics to a song . . . a refreshing alternative to the angry material so much of today’s music contains. I fell in love with her emotions as she tapped into my own predisposition toward romanticism.


Midge is scheduled to return to the Café on March 29 and I fully intend to return for their performance so I can fall in love again.

While the music of Midge massaged my heart, “Chef Don” provided sustenance for my body with a glass of wine and the house special. The house special consisted of an individual-sized platter containing cheese and crackers, olives, artichoke hearts, mushrooms and sundried tomatoes slathered over slices of Italian bread, a bit of Italian cold cuts rolled up, roasted red peppers and even a spare slice of bread to soak up the olive oil and herbs left on the platter when it was empty.

My platter was taken away only after I had consumed every morsel except the olive pits. If the Café repeats this special again, I recommend you try it.

Now I believe I will step out for a Passeggiata and one of those Greenbelt greetings.

Grin Belt



"I'm turning three and I'm a leap year baby.
Go figure out the math."

On Screen

Sisters Vie for Henry’s Favor

Based on the novel by Philippa Gregory – first in her series on the Tudors – “The Other Boleyn Girl” imagines a complex relationship between Anne Boleyn (played by Natalie Portman) and her sister Mary (Scarlett Johansson). The story blames their father for pushing the sisters into competition for the attention of Henry VIII (Eric Bana). The cinematography takes advantage of the swirling fabrics and rich colors of a good period piece while staying true to the dark corners in a world before electric lamps.

The movie opens nationwide and in Greenbelt on February 29. Runtime is 115 minutes; rated PG-13 for sexual themes and violent images.

– Cathy Jones

Hospice Volunteer Info Day Saturday

Hospice of the Chesapeake will offer a Volunteer Information Day on Saturday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to noon at 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover.

Volunteer opportunities include patient care and bereavement support, office support and community outreach. In a relaxed, informal setting hospice staff will discuss the various volunteer opportunities available and answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

For information call Julie Medlin at 301-499-4500 or email jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org.

Young Entrepreneurs Seminar on Saturday

A young entrepreneurs seminar will take place on Saturday, March 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Camelot, 13901 Central Avenue in Upper Marlboro.

Business experts will lead workshops. The day will also include mentoring opportunities, a networking luncheon and a business plan competition offering scholarships and grants.

The program is sponsored by Prince George’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner in partnership with the Prince George’s Community Foundation.

Corrections

In the front page article on the Greenbelt Foundation Awards last week we incorrectly identified the person who spoke for the Farmers Market in appreciation for the grant. It was actually Kim Kash.

No Dr. Seuss character costumes will be made during Sunday’s Artful Afternoon puppet workshop as we mistakenly stated in the March Artful Afternoon article on page 2. The organizers hope people will come costumed as Seuss characters for the event; it is those costumes which will be judged at 3 p.m. for the craziest. More information is available on page 3.

School system official Jose Riggins, who lives in Greenbelt, took it in good spirit when his home phone rang off the hook over the weekend in response to the announcement for Springhill Lake Head Start registration. The correct number to call for further information is 301-408-7100.

The Garden Club meeting announcement in last week’s paper mis-matched date and day of the week. The meeting is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 6 at the police station.

The News Review regrets the errors.

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WEEK OF FEB. 29

The Other Boleyn Girl (PG-13)

Friday
*5, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday
*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:55

Sunday
*2:30, *5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday
*5, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00

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Children's Art Exhibit

Qualifications: This exhibit is open to children that are 12 years of age or younger. You must live, go to school, or have a parent that works in Greenbelt to participate.

Drop off Date: Sunday March 30th from 7-9 p.m. at the New Deal Café, in Roosevelt Center

Reception: April 6th from 3-5 p.m.
There will be musical entertainment & art project during the reception

If you are interested and would like more information please contact Kristin Stenson at newdealcafeart@yahoo.com



The New Deal Cafe art show program is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts and is supported by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, March 4, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, March 5, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, March 6, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

Wednesday, March 5, 7 p.m. – Member and Community Relations Committee reception, Lobby

Saturday, March 8, 11 a.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation, GHI Board Room

Wednesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. – Architectural Review Committee reception, Board Room

Thursday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors, in the Board Room

Unless otherwise noted all events take place at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Note: The 2008 board meeting schedule has been changed to the second and fourth Thursdays through May.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Neither snow, sleet nor rain can stop our Golden Age Club from meetings. The birthday luncheon was enjoyed by quite a group last Wednesday in spite of snow warnings. Dorothy Ball and Kathleen McFarland won the birthday raffle.

Upcoming Events

March looks like a busy month. Tom Moran will help clarify some of the rules for that “dreaded income tax” on March 5. We’ll have a speaker from the Greenbelt Police Department on March 12, a birthday luncheon on March 19 and Dr. Stephani Trifoglio will speak on March 26. Arthritis will be her topic and she’s always willing to answer questions. The anniversary luncheon will be held April 16 at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant in College Park. Remember dues must be paid at this time.

We’re glad to have good reports from Jim Giese. He’s at home and having physical therapy after knee replacement surgery.

People’s Dance Party At Youth Center Sat.

The People’s Dance Party will hold its next all-ages, free-wheeling dance on Saturday, March 1 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. All are welcome to the party regardless of dance experience. The facility is wheelchair accessible. Music will include rock, funk, swing and world and dancers are encouraged to bring their own music to add to the musical melange.

Donations are requested to cover cost of room rental and refreshments.

For information email peoplesdance@yahoo.com.

Curves Food Drive For Local Pantry

Throughout March, Greenbelt Curves will be collecting nonperishable food for local Help By Phone pantries. Bring contributions to Curves at 103-A Centerway in Roosevelt Center. All are invited to participate in this community service project.

Registration Ongoing For SHL Head Start

The Prince George’s County Public Schools Head Start program is now registering children for the upcoming school year, 2008-2009 for the Springhill Lake Head Start center. That center houses four Head Start classrooms and 60 children. Greenbelt families can register children ages 3 and 4. There are income guidelines; further information call 301-408-7100.

Dr. Seuss Dress-up Contest March 2

Sunday’s Artful Afternoon costume contest at 3 p.m. on March 2 is for people dressed as their favorite Dr. Seuss character. Participants of all ages are welcome.

The March 2 Artful Afternoon celebrates Dr. Seuss’ birthday and Read Across America from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the ACE Reading Club, the event will feature a puppet-making workshop, improv activities, poetry slam, book exchange, costume contest, Mayor Judith Davis reading her favorite storybook aloud, a free ticket drawing and more. Artful Afternoon is free and open to all ages.

For more information visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062.

Greenbriar Boards March Meetings

The Greenbriar Community Association (GCA) has scheduled March board meetings:

Tuesday, March 4, 7 p.m., Phase I Board; Tuesday, March 11, 7 p.m., Phase II Board; Tuesday, March 18, 7 p.m., Phase III Board; Tuesday, March 25, 7 p.m., GCA Board.

All these meetings will be held in the Greenbriar Commons Room. Board meetings are open to Greenbriar residents.

Arts Advisory Board To Meet on Tuesday

The City’s Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For more information call 240-542-2057.

Dems Hold Social, Fundraiser Mar. 14

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will hold its annual dinner and theater social fundraiser on Friday, March 14 in lieu of the regular March meeting. Dinner is at 6 p.m. at the Beijing Restaurant in Roosevelt Center, followed at 8 p.m. by the opening night performance of the comedy “Born Yesterday” at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Open to all, there is a fee for the dinner and play. Reservations are required and must be made before March 7. To make reservations call Karl Shipps on 301-577-8907 or Lyn Doyle on 301-441-2585.

Café Has Student Exhibitor Reception

On Sunday, March 9 from 7 to 9 p.m., the New Deal Café will host a reception for the Café’s first student exhibit. This exhibit features work by local students 13 years old and older in a variety of media.

Come to the Café in Roosevelt Center on Sunday evening and meet some of the community’s promising young (and older) art students.

In April students 12 years and under will display their works.

For details about either show email Kristin Stenson, chair of the Café’s Art Exhibit Committee at newdealcafeart@yahoo.com.

For more community events, see pages 4 and 5.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.
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Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt
Democratic Club

**Annual Dinner/Theater
Evening Social Fundraiser**

Friday, March 14

Cost: \$30.00 per person for both Dinner and Theater
Dinner will be at the Beijing Restaurant starting at 6 p.m., followed by the opening night performance of the comedy “Born Yesterday” at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

For reservations, please call Karl Shipps
at 301-577-8907 before March 7, 2008.





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(corner of Ridge & Gardenway)

Bring:

- Adult bikes
- Adult tricycles
- Kid bikes (no tricycles please)
- Bike tools, spare parts, accessories

(Minimum \$10 donation requested to defray overseas shipping costs. Tax receipt provided.)

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Eleanor Roosevelt High School Grad Night '08
A Drug & Alcohol Free Party for the 2008 Graduates

MULCH MADNESS SALE (Bagged Mulch)
March 29, 2008
3 Cu. Ft bagged Shredded Hardwood mulch
\$3.75 per bag

Pick up at Eleanor Roosevelt High School 8AM-4PM on March 29, 2008 or \$10 curbside delivery fee.
FREE curbside delivery if you buy 15 bags or more.
\$1 per bag is Tax Deductible.

Mail in form below with payment to reserve your bags today!
Orders MUST be received by March 13, 2008
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Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Neighborhood: _____

\$3.75 x _____ Bags= \$ _____ + \$10.00 delivery charge
(if fewer than 15 bags purchased) + 6% sales tax =
\$ _____ check total.

March Mulch Sale Is Grad Night Fundraiser

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Grad Night 2008 committee is hosting a Mulch Madness Sale on March 29. The parents of the senior class host Grad Night, an all night drug and alcohol free celebration for the seniors after graduation on May 27. The parents provide a party with games, food and prizes for the students to enjoy from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. This has been a longstanding tradition at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The committee is selling three-cubic foot bags of shredded hardwood mulch. See ad on page 3 for prices. The mulch must be pre-ordered and the order must be received by March 13. Orders may be picked up at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on March 29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Curbside delivery is available at an additional fee or is available free to those purchasing 15 or more bags of mulch.

The mulch is being provided by Denison Landscaping.

Call Ruth Harab at 301-996-9113 for any questions.

Student Singers Give Free Recital March 6

Izolda Trakhtenberg will host a student recital at the New Deal Café on Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m. Come hear solo and group performances by singing students. Admission is free.

For more information call Trahtenberg at 301-437-2730.

GAC Performances Benefit Crisis Center

Two special performances to benefit work against violence aimed at women will be presented at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) on Saturday, March 8. The 8 p.m. show is sold out. There are still tickets available for the 5 p.m. show.

This year is the 10th Anniversary of Eve Ensler's irreverent and thought-provoking play, "The Vagina Monologues," that continues to spread "the word" and is helping to end violence against women and girls worldwide. To date, the V-Day movement has raised more than \$50 million and

educated millions about the issue of violence against women.

Performed mostly by Greenbelters, this special event will raise money for the Prince George's County Family Crisis Center. The cast includes Gena Wilson, Amityyah Hyman, Misha R. Kingsley, Hopi Auerbach, Susan Harper, Karen Irving, Michelle Johnson, Greta Ehrig, Kenya Fairley, Ann Elsen and Amethyst Dwyer, who is also directing the show.

For tickets or more information, call the GAC at 301-441-8770.

Garden Club Meets, Assigns Garden Plots

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt Garden Club will be held on Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt police station.

Membership dues for garden plots will be collected and plots will be assigned on a first-come basis. The plots are approximately 50 x 50 feet. There is a fee which may be paid by check.

For more information call club president Harold Grapes at 301-441-4628.

Audubon Birdwalk Early Saturday

The Prince George's Audubon Society will host a half-day walk on Saturday, March 1 at the Fran Uhler Natural Area. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the end of Lemon Bridge Road off Rt. 197 just north of Bowie State University. Participants can expect to see woodland and field birds, with good chances for raptor flyovers and some waterfowl at this forested floodplain of the Patuxent River and possibly red-headed woodpeckers, winter wrens and the occasional barred owl. Waterproof footwear is suggested. No reservations are needed. Call 410-765-6482 for more information.



City Information

ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD/ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION JOINT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 AT 7:30PM
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER (Rm. 201)
This meeting will be with Prince George's County School System representatives to review and discuss schematic plans for Greenbelt Middle School.
The meeting is open to the public.

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON
Sunday, March 2, 1:00-5:00pm
Enjoy this monthly, free mini arts festival!
Artist in Residence Open House, Greenbelt Museum
Tours, All Ages, FREE
Greenbelt Community Center

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America
Enjoy the fun and exploration of reading with a Seuss-ish costume contest, poetry slam, book exchange, improv activities, and invent your own Dr. Seuss character puppet workshop. Info: Barbara Davis 301-397-2208

Greenbelt Animal Control Pet of the Week



Meet this Week's Pet of the Week, Our boy, George!
George is a stunningly handsome, white neutered male with grey tabby markings. His perfectly coiffed 'do is matched only by his mesmerizing eyes.

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MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, March 4 & 6 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert" 7:00pm: "The Hubcaps" 8:30: Replay of Council Meeting
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RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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EARTH DAY 2008 T-SHIRT

(Please limit design to 4 colors)

Submit your original design depicting: GREENBELT
CELEBRATES EARTH DAY by Friday, March 7th.

Mail your design to: REAC, c/o City of Greenbelt,
25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland...or bring it in to
this address and place in drop box.

Open to all whether you are 5 years old or 100 years young.
Winning design will be selected by the Recycling and Environment
Advisory Committee (REAC). T-Shirts will be distributed during the
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For more information contact Cindy Murray at 240-542-2153.



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SPRING CAMP 2008

Monday, March 17- Friday, March 21

CIRCUS CAMP

Join us for Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus performer Greg May for a fun-filled spring break and learn how to juggle, walk on stilts, balance board and more!! Campers are safely taught at their skill level. They will demonstrate their new skills and performance on Friday afternoon at 2:30. Campers must bring a non-perishable lunch each day (except for Friday the day of the camp cookout)

Time: 9:00am-3:30pm
Fee: \$158 R : \$182 NR

Location: Community Center- 15 Crescent Road
Aftercare: 3:30pm-6:00 pm- \$25/child
Before care: 7:00am-9:00am-\$20/child



SPRING CAMP

Our Spring Camp is the perfect opportunity to keep you child active during their break. We'll keep your child's break action-packed whether we are at the Youth Center or on one of our exciting fieldtrips. Activities include clay modeling, swimming, gym games and much more. Field Trips are scheduled for Pump It Up, the Maryland Science Center, roller skating, and bowling. A Camp Cookout will be held on Friday along with a performance by Jungle John. All campers must be in kindergarten through sixth grade. Campers must have a non-perishable lunch and drink each day, except on Friday.

Time: 9:00am-3:30pm
Fee: \$131 R : \$150 NR
Location: Youth Center, 99 Centerway
Aftercare: 3:30pm-6:00 pm- \$25/child
Before care: 7:00am-9:00am-\$20/child



Book Club Meets Friday, March 7

On Friday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. the College Park Arts Exchange monthly book club discussion of literary nonfiction by women will be held at the Old Parish House, located at 4711 Knox Road in College Park. The March 7 meeting will feature “Persepolis” by Marjane Satrapi. In the tradition of Maus, this acclaimed memoir takes on the topics of nationality and revolution, using the illustrated graphic novel format to explore the life of a young girl in Iran during the revolution.

This is an opportunity to enjoy discussions of literary nonfiction by women in a casual, relaxed setting. The group reads books by women from a variety of backgrounds, meeting one Friday evening per month. For those who may want to begin reading the next book, at the following meeting on April 18, the club will be reading the biography of “Eleanor Roosevelt, Volume Two 1933-1938,” by Blanche Wiesen Cook. For more information call 301-927-3013 or email info@cpae.org. A complete list of books is available online at www.cpae.org.

Orchid Auction Held March 1

The National Capital Orchid Society sponsors an auction of hundreds of orchids, including many rare and unusual varieties, on Saturday, March 1 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The auction takes place at the U.S. National Arboretum, 3501 New York Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C., and admission is free.

GAVA Receives County, Foundation Grants

The Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) was awarded a grant of \$1,000 by Prince George’s County at the recommendation of County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, who represents the 4th district including Greenbelt, to support arts education programs for children.

Programs

GAVA currently conducts two programs: the Home School/After School Arts Classes at Mowatt Methodist Church and the animation program which is co-produced with GATE (Greenbelt Access Television). The Home School/After School program holds classes Tuesdays during the school year. The home school portion includes a singing class taught by Greenbelt musician Melissa Sites, which emphasizes American folk music, and an art class taught by Greenbelt artist Barbara Simon. The art class is also offered in the afternoon after school program and consists of painting classes in the fall and printmaking classes in the winter/spring.

The GAVA/GATE Animation Program, which holds classes year round for young people ages 10 to 18, is taught by George Kochell at GATE’s studios in the Greenbelt Community Center. For the past six months, the animation created by its students has been included in “Greenbelt In Focus,” the monthly program shown before each movie at Theatre 1 at Beltway Plaza. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the animation program and a celebration is planned for the public, as well as students and their families, for this coming June.

Planetarium Program For Four-year-olds

The next planetarium program at the Howard B. Owens Science Center is on Friday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. and was designed especially with four-year-olds in mind. “Shape Up!” has the audience challenged to find simple shapes in the stars (triangles, squares, rectangles and ovals) through song and chant, guided by Freddy the Frog. These simple shapes are the foundations to modern day constellations.

The science center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. Parking is in the lot at Catherine T. Reed Elementary School. There is a nominal fee, reduced for students and seniors. Call 301-918-8750 during school hours to confirm topic.

LIBRARY

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and boxes of books and papers into the two-room windowless space on the lower level of the Greenbelt Library.

There library volunteers Rhodes, Sarah Bourne and historian Susan G. Pearl were opening the carefully labeled boxes and arranging their contents into appropriate drawers and onto shelves.


When the DeMarr Library will open for business again to serve the community is not at this point certain – the sooner the better, of course – but a formal grand opening will take place on May 31.

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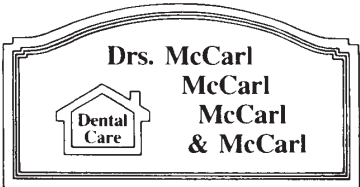


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by Kim Kash

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While teacher Joel Moodie guides hearing students through a normal level I yoga class, sign interpreter Jamie Yost or Folami Ford addresses the growing group of deaf students in the class using American Sign Language and pointing out specific things on Moodie's body – the alignment of a knee, the angle of a foot. Yost and Ford, both yoga students themselves, often get quite a workout just trying to stay within the line of sight of the deaf students as the students move into postures that turn their heads in a different direction or fold themselves forward (which inverts their gaze and points it to the back of the room.)

Moodie has observed that the deaf students in his classes often "get" new postures more quickly because they are so adept at minute visual observation of the poses as he demonstrates them.

Yost and Ford, both employed by Gallaudet University, are kept busy refining their interpretation techniques, along with plenty of help from a core of dedicated deaf students. The interpretation method they use is a collaborative work in progress.

Greenbelt Om provides the only sign-interpreted yoga class in the Washington, D.C., metro area. For more information contact Kim Kash at kkash@greenbeltom.com or call 301-220-0084.

The writer is the owner of Greenbelt Om.

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Those who are or know someone who is or will be 95 to 100 years old and older by December 31, 2008, are asked to contact the Special Programs Division by March 21 with the name of the resident, their age, birthdate (including year) and the address, along with the name and phone number of the person supplying the information. The centenarians will be invited to a special event to honor them.

Send information to the M-NCPPC Special Programs Division, 6611 Kenilworth Ave., Suite 205, Riverdale, MD 20737 or call 301-454-1480, TTY 301-454-1492.

College Park Nursery Open House March 1

The College Park Nursery School Open House will be held on Saturday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a chance to meet the school's teachers and have fun. There will also be food, used clothing and toys, games, face painting, raffles and more.

College Park Nursery School is registering now for fall. It has programs for 2 through 5-year-olds with a new half-day kindergarten and aftercare.

The school is at 4512 College Avenue, behind the Maryland Book Exchange.

Call 301-864-5355 for more information.

Marietta Civil War Encampment March 8

The 7th Maryland Company A, U.S. will demonstrate military drills and weaponry on Saturday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Marietta House Museum. No reservations are necessary. and admission is free. Tours of the museum are available during the event for a nominal fee. Marietta House is at 5626 Bell Station Road in Glenn Dale.

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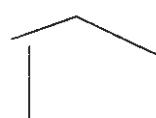
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City Notes

The facilities maintenance crew oversaw installation of new carpet in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Center.

Arts staff received notice that St. Hugh’s School has received a \$500 Washington Post Arts Grant to enable students to participate in school day arts programs at the Greenbelt Community Center. Staff also received notice from the Prince George’s County Arts Council that Greenbelt has been awarded a grant of \$2,000 to help fund the construction of a mosaic mural. The Recreation Department selected a new artist-in-residence for a mid-year opening. Greenbelt artist Sherill Gross is a self-employed graphic designer and an artist specializing in cut-paper illustration. Her residency will begin March 1.

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Proposed WSSC Budget Ups Fees for Pipelines

The Commissioners of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) have submitted a preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) that targets aging infrastructure and addresses increasing operational costs.

WSSC proposes a \$1.01 billion Capital and Operating Budget for FY09. Included in the proposal is a 9.5 percent rate increase to pay the escalating costs of operational necessities such as power, chemicals and fuel. This rate increase will add approximately \$4.47 per month to the average residential customer's bill.

In addition to the rate increase, the proposal calls for the creation of an infrastructure renewal fee dedicated to the replacement of water and sewer mains and other parts of the infrastructure. The fee is fixed depending on the customer's meter size and would not change for 10 years. Monies collected would be held in a separate fund that could only be used to pay for water and sewer infrastructure replacement. For the average residential customer, the fee proposed would be approximately \$20 per month.

Basis of Fee

The proposal for the infrastructure renewal fee is based on the WSSC 30-Year Utility Master Plan being developed in cooperation with Montgomery and Prince George's County officials. The first phase of the plan was released earlier this year and findings were used to create a 10-year fiscal plan designed to increase infrastructure replacement while spreading the cost over time. The FY09 budget proposal

accounts for the first year of the 10-year fiscal plan.

Among the major findings of phase one of the master plan:

Approximately 50 percent of the entire water distribution system will reach or exceed its useful life by 2025, including over 85 percent of smaller diameter cast iron pipe. Out of the nearly 5,500 miles of water mains, almost 1,400 miles are more than 50 years old and approximately 2,500 miles are between 25 and 50 years old.

Additionally, three types of sewer pipes are in poor condition and several drainage basins will require significant attention over the next 30 years.

Track Record

WSSC is the 8th largest water and wastewater utility in the nation, serving nearly 1.8 million residents in Prince George's and Montgomery counties. WSSC operates and maintains seven water and wastewater plants, nearly 5,500 miles of fresh water pipeline and over 5,300 miles of sewer pipeline. In its 89-year history, there has never been a drinking water-quality violation.

"No one looks forward to raising utility rates," said Andrew D. Brunhart, WSSC general manager. "Aging infrastructure is a nationwide challenge affecting us all. We need to renew our water and wastewater systems at a much faster rate to ensure reliability and availability of these vital services for ourselves and future generations. This is about ensuring continuous service of safe, clean water – something we often take for granted."

WSSC Engineering Scholarship Open

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Commissioners are offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a college student from Prince George's or Montgomery County who majors in water/wastewater engineering.

A maturing WSSC workforce and the ongoing need to replace and maintain an aging infrastructure will create many opportunities in the water and wastewater profession, especially in engineering.

In addition to the \$1,000 cash award, the scholarship winner will be offered the chance to gain valuable on-the-job experience while working as a paid summer intern.

To qualify for the scholarship, students must attend a Maryland college or university, have a permanent home address in Prince George's or Montgomery County and be enrolled in an engineering degree program.

To obtain an application for the scholarship, forward a letter of interest to Charlett Bundy, Esq., Corporate Secretary, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707 or email cbundy@wsscwater.com. Applications must be postmarked by June 30. The winner will be announced at the August WSSC meeting.

M&T Scholarships For Hispanic Students

For the 10th year, M&T Bank is awarding scholarships of up to \$5,000 to qualified Hispanic college students or applicants.

The M&T program awards scholarships to undergraduate college students who are Hispanic or of Hispanic descent through the nationally recognized Hispanic College Fund. To be eligible, students must be pursuing degrees in business, finance, marketing, accounting or another business-related field and must have demonstrated a notable level of academic success.

Students can apply online at www.hispanicfund.org. Complete eligibility requirements are available online and at local M&T bank branches. The deadline for applications is March 15.

Thirteen students from New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. were recipients of the 2007 scholarships and are now attending college.

Percussion by Palter At Free Concert

Percussionist Morris Palter will be the guest artist performing works by Vinko Globokar, Brian Ferneyhough, Michael Gordon and Mark Duggan with ragtime tunes by G.H. Green at a free concert on March 6 at 8 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Legis. Scholarships Announced by Pinsky

Maryland State Senator Paul Pinsky is encouraging students who reside in the 22nd Legislative District and are planning to attend an in-state Maryland university or trade school to apply for a senatorial scholarship from his office.

The scholarships are awarded annually to deserving undergraduate and graduate students. A volunteer committee of community members makes selections after reviewing academic achievement, financial need and commitment to higher education. Most scholarships are awarded for four years or until the recipient completes his or her degree, whichever comes first.

Applications are available online at: <http://www.senatorpinsky.org/> or from Senator Pinsky's office at 301-858-3155. All applicants must submit an Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as part of their application. Completed applications must be submitted to Pinsky's office no later than April 10.

Free Band Concert At UM on March 5

On Wednesday, March 5 at 8 p.m. University Band and Community Band, Eli Osterloh and John Wakefield, conductors, will perform in a free joint concert in Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

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